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Dear Friends,

It is a great pleasure to address these words to update all of you on the activities of the EAHP and their members in the year between our major meetings. The Newsletter is a good tool to foster the communication between our members and convey the vitality and commitment of our Association.

First of all, I want to thank Philippe Gaulard (“Philippe the second”) for his excellent work as previous President and Jose Cabeçadas for the outstanding effort in the organization of the Lisbon meeting. It is always a challenge to keep the high standards of our Society but the good collaboration between previous and new members of the ExCo as always facilitates the transition. Working together for the next steps of our Society has become a very creative and rewarding experience. I would like also to praise the excellent work and dedication of our Treasury and Meeting Secretaries, Daphne de Jong and Leticia Quintanilla-Fend, respectively. These positions in the ExCo, overlapping for extended periods with different presidents and other members at large, offer an important sense of continuity in all our activities.

We have prepared a summary of all recent and future activities in the paragraphs below. You will see how dynamic we all are together with our colleagues of the Society for Hematopathology in the USA. The meetings in Lisbon and the recent Workshop in Houston, TX have been important steps forward in these join activities but now we are looking forward to our next “rendezvous” in Istanbul.

XVI meeting of the EAHP in Lisbon

The XVith EAHP meeting in Lisboa (October 20-25, 2012) organized by our Portuguese colleagues under the coordination of **Jose Cabeçadas** was a great success. The topic “Peripheral T and NK-cell lymphomas and their mimics; taking a step forward” attracted 695 participants and, as usual, the very strong USA contingent made it as the most represented country with a total of 148. In Europe, France and the UK were neck and neck vying for top spot. We had also a substantial number of attendants from Latin-American countries and Asia.



A new trend that we encourage with enthusiasm and hope it will consolidate in the future tightening these relationships that must crystallize in new educational and scientific collaborations.

The scientific program started with the popular Educational Session. We were very glad to welcome the **Thymus Symposium** that once again was part of our meeting. The usual format of bone marrow and lymphoma ensued, and the mix of basic science and practical sessions was very well received. For this, the contribution of 120 abstracts and 206 workshop cases was of the outmost value. In the lymphoma symposium, the balance of lectures in immunology and reviews by experts in the topics covered in the sessions was a good introduction to the free papers presented.

Apart from the T-cell topic, Wednesday morning was dedicated to the recent advances and this allowed to present results on diverse areas of interest. The 2012 Karl Lennert Medal was awarded to our colleague **Brunangelo Fallini**, who gave an outstanding lecture on how new molecular perspectives have changed our views of acute myeloid leukemias.

The slightly early finish of the sessions also allowed the participants to spend some time outside the meeting site and enjoy the city. A new feature in the social program was the disco featuring as DJ's our colleagues **Alexandra Traverse-Glehen** and **Thierry Molina**. We must thank them for their outstanding contribution and hope they will lead the crowd again in Istanbul.

It is a great satisfaction to see that the scientific contributions of the meeting have been already published. The abstracts were appeared in the **Journal of Haematopathology** and the report of the Lymphoma Workshop have been recently published in **Histopathology** (Histopathology. 2014 Jan;64(2):171-99). We have to recognize and thank the effort of the panel members summarizing the presentations and intense discussions of the Workshop and generating this nice manuscript now available for the whole scientific community.

XVII meeting of the EAHP in Istanbul



Lisbon is already history and we are aiming for the future. Our next “rendez-vous” in Istanbul October 17th-22nd, 2014, is taking off thanks to the great enthusiasm of our Turkish colleagues under the directions of **Isinsu Kuzu**. The main topic is **Redefining the spectrum of small B-cell lymphomas in light of current technology**.

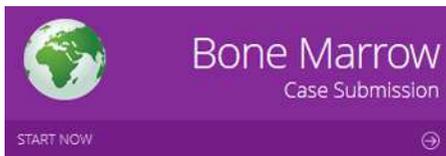
There is a Bone marrow day on October 18th, which will cover a half day symposium and a half day workshop. The symposium sessions will focus on small B cell neoplasms particularly presented by bone marrow and blood involvement. Their molecular characteristics and the

relevance of new technologies on defining new characteristics for guiding the therapeutic targets will be discussed on representative cases.

The Lymphoma Symposium is on October 19th and 20th. Molecular aspects of small B cell Lymphoma entities will be discussed with the new and well recognized mechanisms with their clinical relevance in this symposium. Abstracts focusing on the subjects of the meeting aiming the main topics will be accepted, as well as recent advances in the field of hematopathology. The **abstract submission** will start on January 31st and end on May 15th, 2014.

The meeting continues with the Lymphoma Workshop on October 21st -22nd. The workshop sessions cover the discussion of the small B cell lymphoma entities on peculiar cases, particularly emphasising the utility of new technologies on their identification. The characterization of provisional entities with the help of the new technologies will be discussed. Identification of the progression of these entities with the new molecular techniques will be presented.

We are expecting submission of your interesting cases in the both Bone Marrow and Lymphoma Workshops. We would like to remind you the submission **deadline will end on January 31st, 2014.**



http://www.eahp2014.org/bone_marrow_case_submission-43.html

http://www.eahp2014.org/lymphoma_case_submission-42.html



The **preliminary Scientific Program** and the program overview can be obtained from the web site (<http://www.eahp2014.org>)

The meeting venue is the **Hilton Hotel & Convention Centre**. This hotel offers a spectacular view of the Bosphorus channel and a magic environment with green areas that participants will enjoy during the breaks.

A new joint website for EAHP and SH; a web manager needed

One of the major novelties in this period has been the opening of the **new EAHP-SH web site** (<http://www.sh-eahp.org>). The modernized platform is attractive and easy to use with new features and possibilities that we all hope will be of the interest of our members. I want to emphasize the superb work of Frank Kuo on the SH side and Daphne de Jong on ours following the impressive work previously done by Norm Levy. We would like this new site to become the instrument for updated communication and a forum for discussion. Although things are running quite well at the moment, I would like to ask an effort of our members. To further develop the website and to fully benefit from all possibilities that are offered to us by the supporting company, we urgently need a committed volunteer to serve as web manager to

work in collaboration with Frank Kuo from the SH. Please, make a step forward and let us know or inform us about candidates in your network (secr.eahp@nki.nl).

Requests to pay your dues for EAHP in January 2014

In January 2014, you will receive an e-mail with information to pay your annual dues for EAHP. A personalized link will direct you to the web-based payment site. If you prefer, however, you are welcome to contact us as secr.eahp@nki.nl to have your payment arranged outside the web-based system.

Please note that dues must be updated to benefit from the reduced registration fee for the Istanbul meeting. As always, the secretarial helpdesk will be present during the Istanbul meeting to address all your membership questions on site.

A research stimulus in honor of David Y Mason



We would like to call your attention to a new support program in the EAHP. As already announced to you in Lisbon and Houston, the **David Y Mason Award** has been installed funded by the generous contribution of the David Y Mason Foundation and the encouragement of **Teresa Marafioti**. The Award aims to foster the interest of young researchers for

Hematopathology by providing a start-up support. Please visit our new web site to get the information and encourage your young fellows to submit a proposal. The Awarded fellow will be announced at the David Y Mason Memorial Lecture in the next EAHP meeting in Istanbul. (http://www.eahp2014.org/David_Mason_Award_090713.pdf)

EAHP at large

The EAHP maintains its strong commitment to promote Education and Scientific collaboration around the world. We will participate in different courses and activities in the next months (please visit the web site). We would like to expand our **Program for young pathologist and scientist from developing countries**. In the last meeting in Lisbon we offered 14 grants, 5 travel grants and 9 registrations waivers to young participants from 9 different countries both inside and outside Europe. Within the financial limits of EAHP, we would like to expand these numbers for the Istanbul meeting to further encourage young pathologists, senior residents and dedicated PhD students to attend the meeting and contribute to the program. This program is mainly sustained by donations from our members. Therefore, I encourage all of you to contribute to this program with special donation through your membership fee.

Scientific and Educational activities

- **SH/EAHP join meetings:** USCAP 2013 Baltimore, MD., Companion meeting – Society for Hematopathology - organized by James R Cook and Leticia Quintanilla-Fend. This year we had the great pleasure to organize together with the SH the companion meeting. The symposium about “Advances in small B-cell neoplasms: Bringing new discoveries into clinical practices” was a great success and a good preamble for the Istanbul meeting.

- **Bone marrow courses**

This year we have had two excellent Bone marrow workshops

11th International Workshop on Bone Marrow pathology in Munich, Germany organized by Marcus Kremer on behalf of the European Bone Marrow Working Group (EBMWG). The topic “Bone marrow failure and progression of myeloproliferative and myeloproliferative/myelodysplastic neoplasms” attracted people from all around the world. There were 254 participants with a very good representation from USA and Canada (40 participants). There were 74 cases submitted of which 46 came from USA. The highlight of the meeting was the Bavarian night organized in a traditional beer garden.

SH/EAHP Workshop in Houston TX, with the topic “Progress in Acute Myeloid Leukemia, Myelodysplastic Syndromes and Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia: Classification and Molecular Pathogenesis, October 24–26, 2013; organized by Carlos E. Bueso–Ramos, L. Jeffrey Medeiros, and, Francisco Vega–Vazquez. The meeting was a great success with excellent talks and case presentations. We take the opportunity to encourage our members to attend these excellent SH/EAHP meetings and increase the European representation in the meetings organized every other year in the United-States. The organization of the next meeting is on its way, and will be held in Stanford, CA in 2015.

- **Promoting Hematopathology in developing countries:**

As part of our mission, we are co-sponsoring the 4th meeting/tutorial - What can we learn from Africa? With the topic “Infectious agents and lymphoma in Africa” in Arusha, Tanzania 13-15 February 2014, organized by Lorenzo Leoncini. The EAHP is contributing with travel grants and registration waivers for young African participants. With this, we are expecting to increase the participation of our African colleagues in our EAHP meetings.

- **European Congress of Pathology, Lisbon, Portugal, September 2013.**

As every year, the EAHP organized a short course and a slide seminar during the 25th European Congress of Pathology. This year the topic of the symposium was “Peripheral T- and NK-cell lymphomas; taking a step forward and the slide seminar dealt with “New and old challenges in the diagnosis of T-cell lymphomas”. We are in debt with many EAHP members, that despite to have to cover their own travel expenses and registration fee, contributed to this meeting keeping the high standards of these sessions.

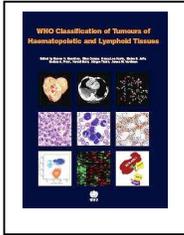
- **Educational Committee**

Finally, we want to thank **German Ott** and **Elena Sabatini** as members of the EAHP EXCO educational committee who have been available to review abstracts, sometimes at very short notice for the last four years. Their work and advice has contributed to the outstanding sessions organized by the EAHP in different meetings.

Latin-American Society of Hematopathology

It is a pleasure to announce the recent constitution of the Latin-American Society of Hematopathology with 20 hematopathologists and pathologists representing most of the Latin-American countries. This is an incredible effort of our Latin-American colleagues to promote the interest and the high standards of hematopathology in their own countries. In addition, most of these highly motivated Latin-American hematopathologists are active EAHP members. The EAHP will continue to support the biannual Hematopathology meeting in Mexico City, Mexico organized by Carmen Lome-Maldonado.

Updating the WHO classification



The efforts of the EAHP and SH will concentrate in the next months in the **update of the 4th edition of the WHO classification** of hematopoietic tumors that will include many of our members. The well-established platform for discussions and the large consensus among pathologists and clinicians will be a strong guarantee for its scientific validation and practical interest. This update will be published only on-line using a new interactive platform. The initial plans is to have this update by mid 2015



EAHP member news

This year brought excellent news to the field of hematopathology. Dr. **Elaine S. Jaffe** was awarded with the 2013 Henry M. Stratton Medal for Clinical/Translational Research of the American Society of Hematology. The Stratton Medal award honors every year individuals that are known for their outstanding, well-recognized contribution to hematology. This is the first time that a pathologist has been awarded with such an honor.

Two distinguished Hematopathologists passed away this year, Dr. Costan W. Berard in January 5, 2013 and Dr. Robert D. Collins in November 28. Dr. Berard was the co-founder with Dr. Ronald Dorfman of the SH in 1981 and played an instrumental role trying to bring together hematopahtologists and clinicians to build a common understanding on the different classifications that emerged in the mid 1970s. He led the multi-institutional study funded by the National Cancer Institute that published the working formulation in 1982. Dr. Collins made significant studies that led to the Lukes and Collins Classification of lymphoid neoplasms as well as further definition of follicular lymphoma, and early recognition of T-cell lymphoma, among many other contributions. Both were extraordinary mentors that left a large number of influential hematopathologists in our current practice. We encourage all of you to read the moving obituaries on our website (<http://www.sh-eahp.org/in-memoriam>)

As you see many projects and initiatives that show the vitality and dynamism of the EAHP. We thank you all for your contributions and wish you a successful 2014.

Warmest wishes to you all,

Elias Campo, Philippe Gaulard, Daphne de Jong, Leticia Quintanilla-Fend, Jose Cabeçadas, Isinsu Kuzu, Andrew Wotherspoon for the ExCo of the EAHP